

FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE SERVICE AREAS

Department Overview

Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas are areas of the county where residents have asked the County Commission to create a district or service area to support the areas fire suppression needs. The difference between a district and a service area is the method used to calculate revenue. A District's revenue comes from the imposition of a mill levy on all the property in the district. A Fire service area generates revenue by charging a fee on each property having a qualifying structure located on it.

Fire districts / fire service areas are administered by elected or appointed board of trustees. Trustees have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing and facilities for the protection of the district. Trustees prepare annual budgets and request special levies, based on state budget laws the trustees and county must adhere too.

The County Commission and trustees of fire districts continue to be concerned about the Department of Revenue's method of identifying New Construction Values within districts. The method appears to be flawed in that several districts had significant increase in valuation with less than half identified as coming from New Construction.

Department Goals

- Dedicated to providing prompt, efficient and progressive emergency services to the citizens of each district and service area.
 - To be creative and innovative with our resources.
 - Provide adequate firefighting and emergency response apparatus and equipment.
 - Retain qualified personnel.
 - Continue to provide adequate housing and facilities for the protection of the equipment and staff of the districts.
 - Strive to meet the challenges of today and anticipate the needs of tomorrow.
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Recent Accomplishments

- Several Districts and Fire Service Areas have contracted for an Impact Fee Study pursuant to changes in law.
- The Belgrade Fire District changed it's name to the Central Valley Fire District and the Northside Fire District changed it's name to the Hebgen Fire District. Both name changes were to better describe the locations of the districts.

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2007	Final FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Request FY 2009	Preliminary FY 2009	Final FY 2009
Personnel	\$ 1,518,047	\$ 1,958,855	\$ 1,939,266	\$ 2,036,230	\$ 1,634,140	\$ 1,645,341
Operations	1,535,882	3,572,798	3,036,878	3,340,566	3,000,677	4,086,593
Debt Service	318,914	230,392	230,392	345,588	410,593	448,769
Capital Outlay	1,550,834	3,090,351	1,432,760	2,781,972	3,438,989	3,685,346
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,923,677	\$ 8,852,396	\$ 6,639,297	\$ 8,504,356	\$ 8,484,399	\$ 9,866,049

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	4,923,677	8,852,396	6,639,297	8,504,356	8,484,399	9,866,049
Total	\$ 4,923,677	\$ 8,852,396	\$ 6,639,297	\$ 8,504,356	\$ 8,484,399	\$ 9,866,049

Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 1,518,047	\$ 4,680,654	\$ 4,540,235	\$ 3,074,556	\$ 4,644,191	\$ 4,882,821
Non-Tax Revenues	1,654,898	1,925,552	2,002,574	2,773,184	2,773,184	2,597,002
Cash Reappropriated	(181,676)	2,246,190	96,488	2,656,616	1,067,024	2,386,226
Total	\$ 2,991,269	\$ 8,852,396	\$ 6,639,297	\$ 8,504,356	\$ 8,484,399	\$ 9,866,049

Department Personnel

Personnel Summary

No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
		Work accomplished through each district	

Total Program FTE 0.00

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2009 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- Employees are not paid through the County Human Resources system. Therefore changes in personnel are not tracked nor can they be tracked at the present time.

Operations

- Individual Fire Districts requested the budgets as shown. Adjustments were made by the Finance Office to maintain the maximum number of mills allowed by state law. the County Commission maximize the number of mills allowed under state law. Trustees from Sedan and Story Mill did not submit a budget. Therefore the amount budgeted was set at the estimated year end cash balances.

Capital

- Total capital outlay includes planning for future buildings, construction of needed structures and replacement of enhancement of existing fire fighting and emergency response equipment.

COUNTY OF GALLATIN FIRE DISTRICTS FY 2009 FINAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET											
Fund No.	Description	Budget	Cash Reserved	Res. %	Total Requirement	Cash	Non-Tax Revenues	Taxes	Mill Value	FY 2009 Mills	FY 2008 Mills
7200	Central Valley Fire	3,752,250	-	0.00%	3,752,250	736,983	1,006,092	2,009,175	35,630	56.39	57.76
7205	Sourdough	595,109	-	0.00%	595,109	232,229	-	362,880	9,432	38.47	38.20
7206	Manhattan	303,280	-	0.00%	303,280	245,056	15,050	43,174	1,728	24.99	60.35
7207	Sedan	31,574	-	0.00%	31,574	28,911	-	2,663	285	9.35	8.71
7208	Three Forks	89,412	-	0.00%	89,412	32,431	6,720	50,261	3,420	14.70	14.66
7209	Willow Creek	106,571	-	0.00%	106,571	61,618	6,192	38,761	996	38.92	41.71
7210	Story Mill	19,456	-	0.00%	19,456	437	-	19,019	429	44.32	42.26
7213	Gallatin Canyon	2,387,337	-	0.00%	2,387,337	354,158	1,065,941	967,238	38,538	25.10	25.63
7214	Hebgen Basin	255,904	-	0.00%	255,904	155,490	-	100,414	1,842	54.50	53.69
7215	Gallatin Gateway	815,563	-	0.00%	815,563	106,671	375,000	333,892	8,509	39.24	37.29
7216	Bridger	174,549	-	0.00%	174,549	(875)	35,700	139,724	3,350	41.71	40.62
7217	Amsterdam	300,442	-	0.00%	300,442	132,251	15,000	153,190	3,831	39.99	40.60
7219	Gallatin River Ranch	111,537	-	0.00%	111,537	9,559	25,400	76,578	636	120.39	117.76
SUBTOTAL FIRE DISTRICTS		8,942,984	-		8,942,984	2,094,920	2,551,095	4,296,969	108,626	39.56	
FIRE SERVICE AREAS FY 2009 FINAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET											
Fund No.	Description	Budget	Cash Reserved	Res. %	Total Requirement	Cash	Non-Tax Revenues	Taxes	Mill Value	FY 2009 Mills	FY 2008 Mills
7202	Rae	621,728	-	0.00%	621,728	200,911	-	420,817	1,944	\$ 216.47	216.47
7203	Springhill	24,753	-	0.00%	24,753	16,893	3,400	4,460	84	\$ 53.10	53.10
7204	Fort Ellis	185,648	-	0.00%	185,648	56,601	13,550	115,497	1,155	\$ 100.00	100.00
7218	Clarkston	90,936	-	0.00%	90,936	16,901	28,957	45,078	247	\$ 182.50	182.50
SUBTOTAL SERVICE AREAS		923,065	-		923,065	291,306	45,907	585,852			
TOTAL FIRE ACTIVITIES		9,866,049	-		9,866,049	2,386,226	2,597,002	4,882,821			

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

Workload Indicators Indicator	Actual FY 2006	Actual FY 2007	Estimated FY 2008	Projected FY 2009
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- 1 . Number and frequency of calls reported
- 2 . Demands on system for priority responses
- 3 . Increase in number and length of major incidents

Performance Measures Measure	Actual FY 2006	Actual FY 2007	Estimated FY 2008	Projected FY 2009
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- 1 . Response to calls
- 2 . Training of professionals and volunteers
- 3 . Hours spent on Outreach Education

Comments
